

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSITION H

Prop H is not a new tax but it does guard important revenues that have protected Chula Vista residents since 1970!

Prop H funds help provide police and fire protection, parks, libraries and other vital city services.

Prop H treats every resident fairly. 95% of all residents and businesses already pay the Telecommunications Users' Tax. Prop H updates the law to treat all taxpayers equally, and Prop H keeps the current 5% rate unchanged.

100% of telecommunications providers that serve Chula Vista already collect the tax on all calls placed within California.

99% of these providers already pay on cell phones, interstate and international calls, text messaging, prepaid and postpaid telecommunications and paging. Prop H will ensure that ALL providers play by the same rules.

Important fiscal reforms have already been implemented to tighten our belts.

The City has already made extensive budget reforms since 2007, eliminating 259 permanent full-time positions and cutting spending by 20%. In August, the City began budget planning six months in advance to balance the 2011–12 budget.

But now, nearly \$6 million of the City's annual revenues are at risk if Prop H is not passed. Help safeguard our city from devastating layoffs and service reductions.

Voters can support Prop H while City employees and the City Council work on reforms to salaries and benefits, reserve funds, and require balanced budgets. The quality of life in Chula Vista hinges on these important reforms.

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